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Admiral Stansfield Turner  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Stan:

You spoke before an unusually demanding audience which found your remarks and your answers to questions unusually intelligent and responsive.


It was good to see you again, good to hear what you had to say about your new, vitally important responsibilities.

I am delighted to see the CIA in such competent hands, and that you are so fully aware of the need to work with the Congress in terms of overall oversight. I do hope, however, that in due course you or someone will be able to persuade the Congress to revise the rules on authorizing covert activities. It is my melancholy conclusion, after six years in the bull pen, that any highly secret operation that requires notifying the full membership of eight committees is destined never to take place.

One of these days I shall be taking the liberty of calling you to see if it would be possible for me to get together with you on some future visit to Washington.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely,



James L. Buckley

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